

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the amended specification and amended and newly added claims is respectfully requested. The specification has been amended to insert headings consistent with U.S. patent practice and to insert an Abstract. The Abstract inserted is the same as the text of the English-language Abstract of the PCT publication, with the reference numerals omitted.

Claims 1-11 have been amended to delete reference numerals and conform to U.S. patent practice. Claims 12-20 have been added to recite subject matter previously recited in multiple dependent claims. All of the claim amendments and newly added claims are presented for purposes of conforming the claims to U.S. patent practice, and **not** for reasons relating to patentability. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being in independent format.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An [A]pparatus [(1)] for dispensing strips of adhesive tape [(45) or the like] with a take-up device [(29)] taking up an adhesive tape roll [(30)], with at least one transporting roll [(22; 23)] provided with a circumferential groove [(48; 51)] and with a folding roll [(47)] provided with a circumferential bulge [(52)], a first toothed rack [(14)] connected with a lever [(8)], which drives at least one transporting roll [(22; 23)], a cutting means [(33)], which can be activated by a second toothed rack [(14')] via a first gear wheel [(38)], [characterized in that] wherein the two toothed racks [(14, 14')] are provided on both sides of the lever [(8)], [that] at least one of the toothed racks [(14, 14')] is guided in a lower sliding guide plate [(20)] provided in the lower part of the housing [(2)] and in an upper sliding guide plate [(13)] on the lever [(8)] in such a manner that during the downward motion of the lever [(8)] the toothed rack [(14, 14')] indirectly engages the transporting roll [(22; 23)] and the first gear [(38)] and said rack is disengaged for the upward motion.

2. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the transporting roll [(22, 23)] is connected with a gear wheel [(27; 28)] on the same axle, which is engageable with the toothed rack [(14)].

3. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 1 [or 2], [characterised in that] wherein the first gear wheel [(38)] is rotatably supported resting against a tensioning spring [(42)]

4. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to [one of] claim[s] 1 [through 3], [characterised in that] wherein a second transporting roll [(22)] is provided, which [can be] is driven by the first toothed rack [(14)].
5. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 4, [characterised in that] wherein the second transporting roll [(22)] is provided with a circumferential groove [(51)], and [that] the two transporting rolls mesh together in a slightly overlapping manner.
6. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 5, [characterised in that] wherein the two transporting rolls [(22; 23)] are knurled in axial direction.
7. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to [one of] claim[s] 1 [through 5], [characterised in that] wherein the cutting means comprises a lever arm [(32)] controlled by the first gear wheel [(38)] and a knife [(33)] arranged on the lever arm.
8. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 7, [characterised in that] wherein the lever arm [(32)] is rotatably supported in the housing at its end opposite the knife [(33)], and is provided with a sliding guide plate [(36)], which can be moved by a cam [(37)] on the first gear wheel [(38)] towards the transporting roll [(22; 23)].
9. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to claim 7 [or 8], [characterised in that] wherein the knife [(33)] is of triangular shape.
10. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to [one of] claim[s] 1 [through 9], [characterised in that] wherein the lever [(8)] is provided with a cam [(11)] for transporting the severed strip of adhesive tape.
11. (Amended) An [A]pparatus according to [one of] claim[s] 1 [through 10], [characterised in that] wherein the roll [(30)] of adhesive tape with its take-up device [(29)], the transporting roll [(22; 23)] and the folding roll [(47)] are

mounted on a common support member or insert [(24)], which [can be inserted] is insertable into the housing [(2)].